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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Chief, Requirements and Evaluation Staff/NEAC

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

VIA : [REDACTED]  
Executive Officer, DDS&T

SUBJECT : FBIS Comment on STIC Report, The Overt Collection  
of S&T Intelligence [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : Your memo dtd 22 May 79, Subject: DCI Request for  
Comments on the STIC Report, The Overt Collection  
of S&T Intelligence [REDACTED]

1. This memo addresses the STIC Working Group recommendations listed in the section of the referent memorandum on S&T intelligence collection from Foreign Media, Publication Procurement, and Open Literature.

-Recommendation No. 1: FBIS welcomes this recommendation and is eager to work with the STIC in the formulation of a program that would provide systematic guidance to our collectors. The value of S&T information collected from foreign media, particularly the foreign press, has long been recognized. Many FBIS intelligence officers have informal working relationships with individual analysts which help to keep FBIS collection on target. We believe our potential for improved collection can only be realized through a system which spells out, prioritizes, and updates the requirements of production offices on a regular basis. This is particularly important for the FBIS field, where our people are removed from direct contact with consumer offices. Systematic guidance and tasking will also be needed before we can organize S&T collection programs for

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areas other than the USSR. OSI has provided us with an excellent set of requirements on technology transfer. We need specific guidance of this nature on a wide range of other subjects as a first step toward identifying sources and defining resource needs.

-Recommendation No. 2: We also endorse this recommendation. FBIS officers regularly meet with [redacted]

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[redacted] but we feel that a coordinated approach would ensure that all involved in the [redacted]

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[redacted] are in tune with the analysts' needs.

-Recommendation No. 4: FBIS would like to explore an arrangement with [redacted] to coordinate the processing of foreign S&T literature. Both FBIS and [redacted] operate under charters which delineate their collection functions and responsibilities. Any arrangement that significantly alters current responsibilities would probably have to be preceded by a reorganization of the existing individual requirements systems in DIA and CIA. We believe STIC's first step should be to get a consensus from the Intelligence Community's S&T analysts on the need for a change. Based on our discussions with CIA analysts, we foresee a general reluctance if not opposition on the part of many of them to a system that would place heavier reliance on [redacted] selections and translations.

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-Recommendation No. 5: An arrangement already exists whereby DoD field collectors in effect use our Consolidated Translation Survey (CTS) through normal DIA liaison and requirements channels. Field collectors check with DIA, PSTC, NISC, or FID headquarters on the need for translations. The headquarters offices contact CTS. The STIC Working Group may have been unaware of these procedures at the time it drafted its report.

-Recommendation No. 6: We would be willing to participate in this training and orientation effort immediately and would welcome the opportunity. As noted above, we routinely meet with [redacted] we know are going to the field. We would be happy to contribute to a training package for those already abroad.

-Recommendation No. 7: We would be pleased to participate in any program that would explain the capabilities as well as the limitations of our S&T collection programs. We are

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ready either to visit analyst courses for briefing purposes or to invite the course attendees to FBIS for such briefings.

-Recommendation No. 8: FBIS understands that the Director of NTIS is interested in consulting and cooperating with other Government agencies, including the Intelligence Community, to improve the acquisition of foreign SAT materials. We would be happy to cooperate with State/INR/P and NEAC in developing a consultative relationship with NTIS. We believe we would be in a better position to provide collection guidance to NTIS after receiving fuller and more systematic guidance from our consumers. We see Recommendation No. 1 in this section as pivotal.

2. [ ] is the FBIS action officer for this project. He can be contacted on [ ]

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